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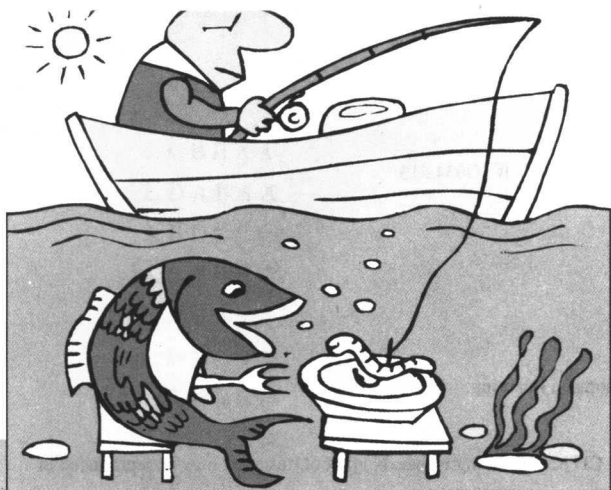
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前 言

对于中国的英语学习者而言,手头能够拥有《英语阅读e世代》(*Ready for Reading*)系列丛书是非常幸运的,因为它符合我们对英语学习材料选择的最高要求,即由以英语为母语的教育界专家或具有较强的英语背景的专业教育人士编写,并且它们的编写是以专门为华人学生学习英语为目的的。

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这一系列是由知名教材编写专家、美国加州大学圣塔克鲁斯分校学士、哈佛大学教育硕士 Andrew E. Bennett 老师编写而成的。Andrew E. Bennett 长期在台湾地区教学与写作,并且他相信语言跟文化之间有着密不可分的联系,他在英文这个国际语言的教学方面致力于加强文化的了解。

本书是专门为我国台湾地区国中(相当于大陆初中)程度学生编写的、作为平时培养课外阅读能力、考前可以当做加强学习能力测验与应试的阅读材料。书中的文章都是以初中英语知识为基础而编写成的,对提升英语阅读能力来说是非常适用的内容。

《英语阅读e世代》系列阅读共分三册,每册50余篇,由40篇阅读理解和10余篇完形填空组成。每册文章长度呈有序递进:















level 1 的文章长度约有100个单词左右;

level 2 的文章长度约有200个单词左右;

















level 3 的文章长度约有250个单词左右。









书中的内容非常丰富,有各种知识的、艺术的、娱乐的、文化的、人物的……等等的文章、故事与对话。采用循序渐进的编序教学原理、生动活泼、多元化并且生活化的题材编写而成。尤其很多广为初中学生所熟悉的港台地区的风土人情、人物小传,如:F4、陶子、王菲等小传,相信这些有趣的内容,能够让同学们在阅读时,不但可以加强自己的阅读能力,更能因为阅读这些内容而充实自己的知识。

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From TV to MTV, F4 is a red hot group. There are four handsome young men in F4: Vic Zhou, Jerry Yan, Vanness Wu, and Ken Zhu. They act, sing, and dance. Fans all over Asia love them! Do you have a favorite member?

F4 became famous with a TV show: Meteor Garden. The idea came from a Japanese comic book. Soon, they made a CD: Meteor Rain. It was very popular.

Actually, F4 is not like a meteor. It's like a rising star. Will that star rise and rise? Their fans think so.

Choose the right answer.

1. () What is the main idea?
 - A) There are four members in F4.
 - B) F4 has many fans in Asia.
 - C) F4 is a popular group with many talents.
 - D) Japanese comic books often become TV shows.

2. () F4 does not _____.
 - A) dance
 - B) write comic books
 - C) sing
 - D) act

3. () “Soon, they made a CD.” Who are *they*?
 - A) Japanese comic book writers.
 - B) All the members of F4.
 - C) Ken and Jerry.
 - D) The fans of F4.

4. () Meteor Garden _____.
 - A) made F4 famous
 - B) came after Meteor Rain
 - C) is the name of a CD
 - D) was F4’s first movie

5. () Why is F4 like a rising star?
 - A) Because it is getting more popular and famous.
 - B) Because it lost its fans.
 - C) Because meteors only rise.
 - D) Because they like to fly.



Ben is six years old. His little brother Ricky is four years old. Their mother is a teacher. Ben also wants to be a teacher.

Ben loves to play video games. Ricky likes to watch him play. One day, Ricky said to Ben, "I want to play, too." So, Ben showed him how.

That night, their mother was very surprised. She saw Ricky in the living room. He was playing a video game.

"How did he learn to do that?" she asked Ben.

"I taught him," Ben answered. "See, I'm a teacher just like you."

Choose the right answer.

1. () Which of these sentences is true?
 - A) Ricky is older than Ben.
 - B) Ben and Ricky are sisters.
 - C) Ben and Ricky are never together.
 - D) Ben wants to have the same job as his mother.

2. () What does Ben want to do?
 - A) Become a teacher.
 - B) Learn to play video games.
 - C) Watch TV.
 - D) Go somewhere at night.

3. () What do we know about the mother?
 - A) She loves to play games.
 - B) She works during the day.
 - C) She's not home at night.
 - D) She is forty-nine years old.

4. () Where do Ricky and Ben play?
 - A) In the living room.
 - B) At their mother's office.
 - C) At school.
 - D) Outside.

5. () Ben is very _____ to Ricky.
 - A) nice
 - B) bad
 - C) naughty
 - D) crazy



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Talking with Grandmother

A: Rita, her parents, and her grandmother just moved to the city.

Rita: Do you like it here?

Grandmother: Sometimes. But it's very different.

Rita: Different from the country?

Grandmother: Yes. Everything here is so fast. There are so many people.

Rita: And it's loud.

Grandmother: It sure is! The city sounds like a train.

Rita: That's true.

Grandmother: Still, I'm happy. I'm here with my family. That's important to me.

Choose the right answer.

- () The city _____.
A) and the country are the same B) has more people than the country
C) makes grandmother happy D) is fast but quiet
- () What does grandmother like?
A) Living in the city. B) Riding on trains.
C) Seeing many people. D) Being with her family.
- () Which of these sentences is true?
A) Grandmother never likes the city.
B) Rita and her grandmother are in the country.
C) It is loud near their house.
D) There's a train near their house.

B: Rita's grandmother asks Rita about the city.

Grandmother: How do you like it?

Rita: It's fun. But I miss my friends.

Grandmother: You can talk on the phone.

Rita: I know. I want to see them.

Grandmother: You will, during the new year. You will make new friends here.

Rita: Do you think so?

Grandmother: Sure! You're such a sweet girl. Soon, you will have many friends at school.

Rita: Thanks, Grandma.

Choose the right answer.

4. () What does Rita want?
A) To talk on the phone.
B) To see her grandmother.
C) To see her friends.
D) To go to school.
5. () Grandmother makes Rita feel _____.
A) sad
B) strange
C) better
D) worse

Wanted: Babysitter

WANTED: BABYSITTER

Do you like children? Do you have free time in the afternoon? We need a babysitter for our son. He's six years old. Hours are Monday to Friday, 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Sometimes you will work on the weekend. Pay is \$10 per hour.

For the job, you will:

- Watch our son
- Read to him
- Play with him

You will work at our house. We live in Taipei, near the Zhong Shan subway station.

Please call (02) 2956- 4938. Ask for Miss Liu.



Choose the right answer.

1. () On Friday, the babysitter will _____.
 - A) not work
 - B) work three hours
 - C) earn \$10
 - D) live in Taipei

2. () What is not part of the job?
 - A) Cooking for the child.
 - B) Working at the child's house.
 - C) Reading books to the child.
 - D) Taking care of the child.

3. () The babysitter must _____.
 - A) go to the person's office
 - B) drive a car to work
 - C) work every Saturday and Sunday
 - D) play with the child

4. () Which of these sentences is true?
 - A) Pay is more on weekends.
 - B) The babysitter must work six days a week.
 - C) The person must first call Mr. Liu.
 - D) The child is less than nine years old.

5. () The best babysitter for the job _____.
 - A) cannot read story books
 - B) is busy on Wednesday afternoon
 - C) wants \$15 per hour
 - D) enjoys playing with children